



# LECTIONARY & CALENDAR

2014-2015

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YEAR B — MARK



# Calendar and Lectionary

## Introduction

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**Calendar** This Calendar shows the dates of the church's festivals in the current liturgical year. It also shows dates of other important national, international and ecumenical celebrations and days of remembrance.

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**Lectionary** The Lectionary is a method by which, over a period of three years, much of the *Bible* is read aloud in Church. Full coverage requires Bible readings every day of the year. This Lectionary, being oriented towards worship, includes readings for every Sunday and major festivals when they fall during the week. The one exception to this is Holy Week, which is given in full.

This Lectionary and Calendar follows the *Common Lectionary Revised (1992)* produced by the ecumenical liturgical body known as the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), and is produced by permission of the CCT as a service to parishes and preachers. Neither the MCNZ nor the PCANZ is responsible for the inclusion or exclusion of any particular reading. No reading is mandatory and inclusion of any particular passage does not necessarily imply its suitability as a theme for worship. Some readings need to be used with particular sensitivity especially in light of, for example, new understandings of gender roles and the church's relationship with other faiths.

Broadly speaking, each year is ordered according to the liturgical year, observing the church seasons such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

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**Advent** The season of preparation which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and in which the church recalls its hope and expectancy in the comings of Christ, past, present and future.

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**Christmas** The Christmas-Epiphany season includes Christmas Day and the twelve following days of Christmas. Recalling the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ, the church celebrates the mystery of the incarnation.

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**Epiphany** The period of several weeks in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all peoples.

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<b>Lent</b>	The season of preparation and discipline, which begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sun-down on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus leading to the cross and renews its commitment to costly Christian discipleship.
<b>Easter</b>	The Great Fifty Days of the Easter-Pentecost season include eight Sundays. Beginning on Easter Day and concluding on the Day of Pentecost, this season celebrates the resurrection and ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
<b>Pentecost</b>	The period during which the church recalls its faith in God the Holy Trinity and seeks to relate its faith as the people of God to Christ's mission to the world.
<b>Ordinary Readings</b>	Year A in the three year cycle of readings is referred to as "The Year of Matthew", Year B "Mark", and Year C "Luke". Readings from John's Gospel are included mainly in Lent and Easter. Generally, the Gospel reading sets the theme for the day. The other three readings are chosen to complement the Gospel reading in a variety of ways. Sometimes a 'harmony of theme' is followed; sometimes one reading is a 'comment' or meditation upon another. At other times readings appear because of the eucharistic nature of Sunday worship or to maintain a semi-continuous reading of a long passage.
<b>Additional Readings</b>	Dates shown with an asterisk (*) alongside denote special occasions, which are listed at the back of the Lectionary. As well as these, preachers are encouraged to read and make use of parallel passages alongside the given Gospel reading, where they occur.
<b>Terminology</b>	In keeping with modern understandings of Scripture and sensitivity to other traditions, readers of the Bible in worship are encouraged to indicate that they are about to give "a reading..." (from, eg, Ps 119, the book of Genesis, John's Gospel) rather than unnecessarily referring to the Old Testament or New Testament.
<b>Liturgical Colours</b>	These apply to church decorations and the vestments of worship leaders during the church year. The Lectionary shows the basic pattern, although practices vary slightly from place to place.

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**Abbreviations are:**

V = violet or purple (preparation; Advent and Lent)

W = white (light, joy; Christmas, Easter, infant baptism, weddings)

R = red (fire, Spirit; Pentecost, ordination, induction, sometimes adult baptism, and for the funeral of a 'saint' of the Church)

G = green (growth; 'ordinary' days from Pentecost to Advent)

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# Lectionary and Calendar 2014-2015

Abbreviations and versification are according to the New RSV.

Verse references in brackets indicate optional, extended readings.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>2014</b>					
<b>ADVENT</b>					
November 30 Advent 1	V	Is 64: 1-9	Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19	1 Cor 1: 3-9	Mk 13: 24-37
December 7 Advent 2	V	Is 40: 1-11	Ps 85: 1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3: 8-15a	Mk 1: 1-8
December 14 Advent 3	V	Is 61: 1-4, 8-11	Ps 126	1 Thess 5: 16-24	Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28
December 21 Advent 4	V	2 Sam 7: 1-11, 16	Ps 89: 1-4, 19-26	Rom 16: 25-27	Lk 1: 26-38
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>					
December 24 Christmas Eve	W	Is 9: 2-7	Ps 96	Titus 2: 11-14	Lk 2: 1-14, (15-20)
December 25 Christmas Dawn	W	Is 62: 6-12	Ps 97	Titus 3: 4-7	Lk 2: (1-7), 8-20
December 25 Christmas Day	W	Is 52: 7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1: 1-4, (5-12)	Jn 1: 1-14
December 28 Christmas 1	W	Is 61: 10 - 62: 3	Ps 148	Gal 4: 4-7	Lk 2: 22-40
<b>2015</b>					
January 4 Christmas 2	W	Jer 31: 7-14	Ps 147: 12-20	Eph 1: 3-14	Jn 1: (1-9), 10-18
<b>EPIPHANY</b>					
January 6 Epiphany <sup>1</sup> [see footnote]	W	Is 60: 1-6	Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14	Eph 3: 1-12	Mt 2: 1-12
January 11 Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Jesus)	W	Gen 1: 1-5	Ps 29	Acts 19: 1-7	Mk 1: 4-11

<sup>1</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* Epiphany may be celebrated on the date shown or on the first Sunday in January

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January 18 Epiphany 2	G	1 Sam 3: 1-10, (11-20)	Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18	1 Cor 6: 12-20	Jn 1: 43-51
January 25 Epiphany 3	G	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	Ps 62: 5-12	1 Cor 7: 29-31	Mk 1: 14-20
February 1 Epiphany 4	G	Deut 18: 15-20	Ps 111	1 Cor 8: 1-13	Mk 1: 21-28
February 8 * Epiphany 5	G	Is 40: 21-31	Ps 147: 1-11, 20c	1 Cor 9: 16-23	Mk 1: 29-39
February 15 Epiphany 6 <i>or</i> Transfiguration	G <i>or</i> W	2 Kings 5: 1-14 <i>or</i> 2 Kings 2: 1-12	Ps 30 <i>or</i> Ps 50: 1-6	1 Cor 9: 24-27 <i>or</i> 2 Cor 4: 3-6	Mk 1: 40-45 <i>or</i> Mk 9: 2-9
<b>LENT</b>					
February 18 Ash Wednesday	V	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Is 58: 1-12	Ps 51: 1-17	2 Cor 5: 20b - 6: 10	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-21
February 22 Lent 1	V	Gen 9: 8-17	Ps 25: 1-10	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mk 1: 9-15
March 1 Lent 2	V	Gen 17: 1-7, 15-16	Ps 22: 23-31	Rom 4: 13-25	Mk 8: 31-38 <i>or</i> Mk 9: 2-9
March 8 Lent 3	V	Ex 20: 1-17	Ps 19	1 Cor 1: 18-25	Jn 2: 13-22
March 15 Lent 4	V	Num 21: 4-9	Ps 107: 1-3, 17-22	Eph 2: 1-10	Jn 3: 14-21
March 22 Lent 5	V	Jer 31: 31-34	Ps 51: 1-12 <i>or</i> Ps 119: 9-16	Heb 5: 5-10	Jn 12: 20-33

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March 29 Lent 6 Palm Sunday <i>or</i> Passion Sunday	V	None <i>or</i> Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 <i>or</i> Ps 31: 9-16	None <i>or</i> Phil 2: 5-11	<i>Palm</i> Mk 11: 1-11 <i>or</i> Jn 12: 12-16 <i>Passion</i> Mk 14: 1-15: 47 <i>or</i> Mk 15: 1-39 (40-47)
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>					
March 30 Monday	V	Is 42: 1-9	Ps 36: 5-11	Heb 9: 11-15	Jn 12: 1-11
March 31 Tuesday	V	Is 49: 1-7	Ps 71: 1-14	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Jn 12: 20-36
April 1 Wednesday	V	Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12: 1-3	Jn 13: 21-32
April 2 Maundy Thursday	V	Ex 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Ps 116: 1-2, 12-19	1 Cor 11: 23-26	Jn 13: 1-17, 31b-35
April 3 Good Friday	V	Is 52: 13 - 53: 12	Ps 22	Heb 10: 16-25 <i>or</i> Heb 4: 14- 16, 5: 7-9	Jn 18: 1 - 19: 42
April 4 Holy Saturday	V	Job 14: 1-14 <i>or</i> Lam 3: 1-9, 19-24	Ps 31: 1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4: 1-8	Mt 27: 57-66 <i>or</i> Jn 19: 38-42
<b>EASTER</b>					
April 5 Easter Dawn	W	Ex 14: 10-31, 15: 20-21	Ps 114	Rom 6: 3-11	Mk 16: 1-8
April 5 Easter Day	W	Acts 10: 34-43 <i>or</i> Is 25: 6-9	Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15: 1-11 <i>or</i> Acts 10: 34-43	Jn 20: 1-18 <i>or</i> Mk 16: 1-8
April 12 Easter 2	W	Acts 4: 32-35	Ps 133	1 Jn 1: 1 - 2: 2	Jn 20: 19-31
April 19* Easter 3	W	Acts 3: 12-19	Ps 4	1 Jn 3: 1-7	Lk 24: 36b-48
April 26* Easter 4	W	Acts 4: 5-12	Ps 23	1 Jn 3: 16-24	Jn 10: 11-18



Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
May 3* Easter 5	W	Acts 8: 26-40	Ps 22: 25-31	1 Jn 4: 7-21	Jn 15: 1-8
May 10 Easter 6	W	Acts 10: 44-48	Ps 98	1 Jn 5: 1-6	Jn 15: 9-17
May 14 Ascension <sup>2</sup> [see footnote]	W	Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 47 <i>or</i> Ps 93	Eph 1: 15-23	Lk 24: 44-53
May 17* Easter 7	W	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26	Ps 1	1 Jn 5: 9-13	Jn 17: 6-19
<b>PENTECOST</b>					
May 24 Pentecost	R	Acts 2: 1-21 <i>or</i> Ezek 37: 1-14	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	Rom 8: 22-27 <i>or</i> Acts 2: 1-21	Jn 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
May 31 Trinity	W	Is 6: 1-8	Ps 29	Rom 8: 12-17	Jn 3: 1-17
June 7 Pentecost 2	G	1 Sam 8: 4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11: 14-15)	Ps 138	2 Cor 4: 13 - 5: 1	Mk 3: 20-35
June 14 Pentecost 3	G	1 Sam 15: 34 - 16: 13	Ps 20	2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17	Mk 4: 26-34
June 21* Pentecost 4	G	1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49	Ps 9: 9-20	2 Cor 6: 1-13	Mk 4: 35-41
June 28* Pentecost 5	G	2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27	Ps 130	2 Cor 8: 7-15	Mk 5: 21-43
July 5* Pentecost 6	G	2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10	Ps 48	2 Cor 12: 2-10	Mk 6: 1-13
July 12 Pentecost 7	G	2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12b-19	Ps 24	Eph 1: 3-14	Mk 6: 14-29
July 19* Pentecost 8	G	2 Sam 7: 1-14a	Ps 89: 20-37	Eph 2: 11-22	Mk 6: 30-34, 53-56
July 26* Pentecost 9	G	2 Sam 11: 1-15	Ps 14	Eph 3: 14-21	Jn 6: 1-21

<sup>2</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* Ascension may be celebrated on the date shown or on Easter 7.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 2* Pentecost 10	G	2 Sam 11: 26-12: 13a	Ps 51: 1-12	Eph 4: 1-16	Jn 6: 24-35
August 9* Pentecost 11	G	2 Sam 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33	Ps 130	Eph 4: 25 - 5: 2	Jn 6: 35, 41-51
August 16 Pentecost 12	G	1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14	Ps 111	Eph 5: 15-20	Jn 6: 51-58
August 23 Pentecost 13	G	1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43	Ps 84	Eph 6: 10-20	Jn 6: 56-69
August 30 Pentecost 14	G	Song Sol 2: 8-13	Ps 45: 1-2, 6-9	James 1: 17-27	Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
<b>CREATION*</b>					
September 6 Pentecost 15	G	Prov 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Ps 125	James 2: 1-10, (11-13) 14-17	Mk 7: 24-37
September 13 Pentecost 16	G	Prov 1: 20-33	Ps 19	James 3: 1-12	Mk 8: 27-38
September 20 Pentecost 17	G	Prov 31: 10-31	Ps 1	James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7- 8a	Mk 9: 30-37
September 27* Pentecost 18	G	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22	Ps 124	James 5: 13-20	Mk 9: 38-50
October 4 Pentecost 19	G	Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10	Ps 26	Heb 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12	Mk 10: 2-16
October 11* Pentecost 20	G	Job 23: 1-9, 16-17	Ps 22: 1-15	Heb 4: 12-16	Mk 10: 17-31
October 18* Pentecost 21	G	Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)	Ps 104: 1-9, 24, 35c	Heb 5: 1-10	Mk 10: 35-45
October 25* Pentecost 22	G	Job 42: 1-6, 10-17	Ps 34: 1-8, (19-22)	Heb 7: 23-28	Mk 10: 46-52
November 1 All Saints <sup>3</sup> [see footnote]	W	Wis Sol 3: 1-9 <i>or</i> Is 25: 6-9	Ps 24	Rev 21: 1-6a	Jn 11: 32-44

<sup>3</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* All Saints may be celebrated on the date shown or on the first Sunday in November

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
November 1 Pentecost 23 <i>(If All Saints not observed on this day)</i>	G	Ruth 1: 1-18	Ps 146	Heb 9: 11-14	Mk 12: 28-34
November 8 Pentecost 24	G	Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17	Ps 127	Heb 9: 24-28	Mk 12: 38-44
November 15 Pentecost 25	G	1 Sam 1: 4-20	1 Sam 2: 1-10 <i>or</i> Ps 16	Heb 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mk 13: 1-8
November 22 Reign of Christ	W	2 Sam 23: 1-7	Ps 132: 1-12, (13-18) <i>or</i> Ps 93	Rev 1: 4b-8	Jn 18: 33-37

*Suggested readings for occasional services are over the page*

# Additional Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>Watchnight or End of Year Service</b>	Eccl 3: 1-15	Ps 90	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 24: 32-51
<b>New Year's Service</b>	Eccl 3: 1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21: 1-6a	Mt 25: 31-46
First full week of the year (Monday to Saturday) – Tongan and Samoan Methodists hold meetings for prayer, morning and evening in preparation for the coming year.				
<b>Covenant Sunday</b>	Jer 31: 31-33 <i>or</i> Deut 7: 7-11	Ps 25: 4-15	Rom 12: 1-2	Jn 15: 1-8
<b>Waitangi Day – or Sunday nearest 6th Feb</b>	Deut 10: 12-21	Ps 144: 9-15	1 Cor 1: 26-31	Mt 6: 19-24
<b>World Day of Prayer – 1st Friday in March</b>				
<b>Anzac Day – or Sunday nearest 25th April:</b>	Is 52: 7-12	Ps 76	Eph 6: 10-20	Lk 6: 27-36
<b>Faka-Me – 1st Sunday in May: Special Sunday for Tongan children and youth.</b>				
<b>Home and Family Sunday – 2nd Sunday in May (Mother's Day)</b>	Is 66: 10-13	Ps 84: 1-4	1 Jn 4: 7-12, 20-21	Lk 2: 40-52
<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday</b>				
<b>Wesley Day – Sunday preceding/on 24 May</b>	Is 12: 1-6	Ps 130	2 Peter 1: 1-11	Mt 9: 35 - 10: 16
<b>Asia Sunday – Sunday before Pentecost</b>				
<b>World Refugee Day – June 20 (or the Sunday immediately after)</b>				
<b>Matariki – June 18, 2015</b>				
<b>Disability Sunday – 3rd Sunday in June</b>				
<b>Bible Sunday – 3rd Sunday in July (Worship and Christian Education resources available annually from the Bible Society)</b>				
<b>Maori Language Week – begins Monday of the 4th week in July</b>				
<b>Hiroshima Day (Aug 6) or Peace Sunday (Sunday nearest Aug 6)</b>	Micah 4: 1-4	Ps 85	2 Cor 5: 16-20	Jn 20: 19-21 <i>or</i> Mt 5: 1-12

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>Lay Preachers' Sunday</b> – 2nd Sunday in August				
<b>Youth Sunday</b> – 3rd or 4th Sunday in August				
<b>Season of Creation</b> <i>2015 theme: The Word in Creation</i>				
September 1	Creation Day			
September 6	1st Sunday in Creation		Planet Earth Sunday	
September 13	2nd Sunday in Creation		Humanity Sunday	
September 20	3rd Sunday in Creation		Sky Sunday	
September 27	4th Sunday in Creation		Mountain Sunday	
October 4	5th Sunday in Creation		Blessing of the Animals	
October 4	St Francis of Assisi Day			
<i>Online resources from <a href="http://www.seasonofcreation.com">www.seasonofcreation.com</a></i>				
<b>Fathers' Day</b> – 1st Sunday in September	Gen 37: 19-24, 29-35	Ps 103: 6-13	Eph 6: 1-4	Mt 1: 18-25
<b>Citizenship Sunday</b> – 4th Sunday in September.				
<b>World Communion Sunday</b> – 1st Sunday in October:	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 96	1 Peter 2: 4-10	Mt 28: 16-20
<b>White Sunday</b> – 2nd Sunday in October: Special Sunday for Samoan children and youth.				
<b>Week of Prayer for World Peace</b> – 3rd to 4th Sunday in October.				
<b>Industrial Sunday</b> – Sunday preceding Labour Day (4th Monday in October). In Methodist Churches the "Social Principles" may be read.				
<b>Reformers of the Church</b> – October 31 (or Sunday nearest)	Amos 5: 14-24	Ps 106: 1-12	1 Peter 2: 1-10	Lk 6: 46-49

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Spring or Flower Services</b>	Gen 1: 1-5, 11-13	Ps 104	1 Cor 3: 1-9	Mt 13: 24-30
<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	Deut 26: 1-11	Ps 126	Gal 6: 6-10	Mt 13: 1-13, 18-23
<b>Dedication of Buildings</b>	Is 56: 1-7	Ps 150	Heb 10: 19-25	Mt 21: 12-16
<b>Church Anniversary</b>	Ex 13: 3-10	Ps 84	1 Peter 2: 1-5	Mt 21: 12-16
<b>Members' Sunday</b>	Joshua 24: 1-24	Ps 105: 1-11	1 Cor 12: 12-27	Mt 22: 1-14
<b>Induction Service</b>	Is 40: 1-9	Ps 96	2 Tim 1: 8-14	Mt 9: 35-38
<b>Vocations Sunday</b>	Jer 1: 1-10	Ps 139: 1-18, 23-24	1 Cor 12: 4-13	Mk 10: 35-45

Suggested readings for other occasional services of the church, such as Infant and Adult Baptism, Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child and Confirmation, are included in the published liturgies of the MCNZ, available from the Connexional Office and on the website.



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